

# 2014 NDE Data Conference Agenda Topics

**April 14, 2014**

**Pre Conference Sessions:**

**9-11 am**

- Learning Forward: Membership Meeting
- Continuous Improvement and the Data Reporting System (limit 60)
- Data Dashboard Pilot Districts

**General Sessions: 12:30 p.m.**

Frederick Brown, Learning Forward -- Kick off Speaker

***Connecting More Dots... Continuously Improving with Data***



Frederick Brown is Learning Forward's director of strategy and development. Prior to joining Learning Forward, Fred served as a senior program office for the New York City based Wallace Foundation where he guided the work of several major grantees, including the Southern Regional Education Board; the Institute for Learning at the University of Pittsburgh; and the states of Ohio, Iowa, Wisconsin, Oregon, Kansas, and New Jersey.

Brown's expertise is grounded in real-world experience. He has been an elementary school teacher and principal as well as a middle school assistant principal. He also served as a founding member of the Mathematics and Equity Teams for Ohio's Project Discovery, a statewide initiative to improve mathematics and science instruction.

Over the past 15 years, Brown has been a leader in designing and facilitating cutting-edge learning experiences for school and district administrators on topics such as cultural competence, leadership, and professional learning communities.

## **Session Topics: (Monday and Tuesday)**

**Times to be Determined (Titles subject to change)**

- Special Education Reporting Updates
- Connecting the Data Between NSSRS, Data Collections and State Aid
- AdvancED Schools Connect the Student Performance and Survey Data in ASSIST
- Changes to NSSRS for the 2014-2015 School Year
- School Enrollment: Recording Students Right; Plus Nebraska's Interstate Locator
- Checking Data Quality for NeSA
- Grants Management System (GMS)
- Moving Math into the Intervention Mix
- The Effective Teacher Connection
- Research and Evaluation Studies and Progress
- NDE Help Desk Staff
- Data Visualization and Tools
- Nebraska's Data Dashboard Project
- Data Literacies and the Data Cadre
- Learning Forward: Teachers Using Data
- Learning Forward: Administrators Using Data
- Teacher Principal Evaluation and Using Data
- Continuous Improvement and the Data Reporting System
- Academic Advancement Planning Tools
- Nebraska's Data Sharing Rule
- SLDS Grant Updates
- Data Quality Approaches and Strategies
- Other Topics to be finalized

Vendor Displays and More

**Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D., Commissioner of Education**

**Keynote Speaker 8:30 a.m., April 15, 2014**

***Connecting More Dots... Nebraska systems for the future***



Dr. Blomstedt was named Commissioner of Education by the State Board of Education on January 2, 2014.

Dr. Blomstedt served as the Executive Director of the Nebraska Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council until December 2013. He previously served as the first full-time Executive Director of the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association, a research analyst for the Education Committee of the Nebraska Legislature and has worked in a variety of policy research roles over the past 16 years. During this time, Dr. Blomstedt worked closely with policy makers, school district officials, and numerous educational stakeholders across Nebraska. In 2001, he was appointed to the Nebraska School Finance Review Committee as a school finance expert and served in a number of other educational advisory capacities in state government and higher education. He also has experience and interest in state and local tax policy as well as state and local economic development.

Dr. Blomstedt is a native Nebraskan whose career has focused on local, regional and statewide education issues. Blomstedt's experience includes education finance and organization, assessment and accountability, professional development, and the development of systems to enhance blended and distance learning opportunities across the state.

Dr. Blomstedt earned a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Higher Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as well as a Master's Degree in Community and Regional Planning.